



Howard County Council

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Monthly Meeting Minutes – Approved

Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

1:00 p.m.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Ed Shulder, Deputy County Auditor

1. Body Worn Cameras

Representatives from the Police Department, Sheriff's Office and States Attorney's Office provided the Council with details about the Body Worn Camera Program. There was general discussion about public information act requests; the daily protocol for officers wearing cameras; maintenance and costs of the program; video storage; redaction process; and features of the body worn cameras.

In addition, the presentation team responded to various Council members' questions about staffing requirements; comparison to other jurisdictions; the custodians of video records; the responsibilities of each Department in support of the Body Worn Camera program; and the projected start date of the program. The Auditor was able to provide Council Members with details of funding moved to the Contingency Fund.

Council requested additional information on the following:

- Use and restrictions of Federal Funding for any portion of the BWC program;
- Summary of the following:
 - Staff, start dates, and responsibilities;

- Realistic costs, what is needed vs what was requested; and
 - Jurisdictions by jurisdictions comparison for each department.
- What happens if we fail to meet the State mandates?

2. Housing Master Plan

Director Cimino and members of the Housing Master Plan task force presented details of the Housing Opportunity Master Plan to the Council. Highlights from the report include; those that work in the county can not afford to live in the County; construction of homes is not meeting demand of workforce; and housing is not affordable. There was general discussion about the approach taken in developing the plan; outreach to the community; recommendations by the task force; and next steps required to incorporate changes to address housing issues identified.

Council questions about the Housing Opportunity Trust; housing programs supported; and balance between social versus economic responsibilities were answered by Director Cimino.

3. Reports

Written reports were provided to Council from the Chair, MACo; NACo; the Administrator; and the Auditor.

Vice Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.



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Administration Attendees

1. Body Worn Cameras

Police

- Chief Lisa Myers
- Tami Bulla
- Terry Breeden

Sheriff

- Sheriff Marcus Harris
- Mark Verderaime

State's Attorney

- Rich Gibson
- Vicki Rand
- Chris Sandmann

2. Housing Master Plan

Department of Housing

- Kelly Cimino

RCLCO

- Jake Ross
- Erin Talkington

Task Force

- Bill McCormack
- Caroline Harper

Housing Commission

- Peter Engel